

# Kendal Town Council

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday, 15 September 2025, at 6.30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Highgate, Kendal.**

Cllr J Cornthwaite	Present	Cllr T Martland	Present
Cllr L Edwards	Present	Cllr D Miles	Absent
Cllr R Edwards	Present	Cllr D Rathbone (Chair)	Present
Cllr A Finch	Absent	Cllr G Supka	Present
Cllr H Ladhams (Vice-Chair)	Present		

**In attendance:** Town Clerk

## **P67/2025 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

## **P68/2025 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Martland drew the Committee's attention to the proximity of his house to the development in application 1, however he did not feel that he was predetermined or biased on any of the issues being considered.

## **P69/2025 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

There were no excluded items on the agenda.

## **P70/2025 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Resolved:** To receive and accept the minutes from the meeting held on 1 September and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a true record.

## **P71/2025 Minute Action Sheet**

The Clerk reported that the letter expressing the Committee's disappointment at the decision not to take enforcement action over the mistaken height of the flood wall at New Road (Reach F3) had not been sent on 15 September, as reported in the MAS (item 59), but would be sent the following day.

Cllr Ladhams offered to assist in the drafting of the out of town fast food outlets policy (item 22), to ensure the action can be completed.

**Resolved:** To note the actions taken by officers on resolutions or recommendations made at previous meetings.

## **P72/2025 Planning Process and Issues**

It was requested that the issue of cumulative harm be added to the concerns about shop front design in the town centre.

**Resolved:** To ensure the concept of cumulative harm was included in any consideration of the impact of poor or inappropriate shop front design.

**P73/2025 Kendal Town Council Flood Relief Scheme Working Group**

The Chair of the Working Group, Cllr Cornthwaite, reported that the FRSWG is meeting next Wednesday (24 September) and the agenda will be circulated to all councillors for information. It was suggested that the minutes from the meetings are also circulated to the Full Council.

Concern had been expressed by Kendal Futures about the apparent lack of meaningful consultation on the coming restoration of Gooseholme. Cllr Cornthwaite will endeavour to bring relevant parties together to progress the matter. It was suggested that the FloodHub noticeboards were not being updated as often as bulletins appeared on the FloodHub website.

**Resolved:** To include notes/minutes of FRSWG meetings in agenda reports to Full Council.

**P74/2025 Kendal Town Council Local Plan Action Group**

The Clerk reported that the next action to be organised would be a site visit for members, in the next four weeks.

**Resolved:** To note the verbal update.

**P75/2025 Planning Applications**

The Committee considered the Planning Applications as detailed in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

**Resolved:** To submit the recommendations in Appendix 1 to these minutes to the Planning Authority.

The meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.

No.	App No./Type	Address/Proposed Development	Parish Ward	Comments to W&F	Observations/Recommendations
1	<a href="#">2025/1190/FPA</a>	<p><b>Land South of Underbarrow Road KENDAL LA9 5RS</b></p> <p>Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission SL/2019/0398 (Residential development for 84 dwellings with associated access, landscaping and drainage works)</p>	Highgate	17 September	<p>The Committee were not convinced that there was a material Planning justification for the removal of any more mature trees from this site, and were very disappointed to learn that one tree had been damaged beyond viability by contractors' negligence. The Committee requested that independent evidence be sought for the requirement to remove this tree, prior to its removal. The proposed replacement trees are not of a sufficient amenity value to compensate for the loss of significant mature trees.</p> <p><b>Recommend refusal</b></p>
2	<a href="#">2025/1639/LBC</a>	<p><b>Kendal And Sedbergh Area Quaker Meeting, Friends Meeting House, Stramongate, Kendal LA9 4BH</b></p> <p>Listed Building Application for the installation of a replacement window lintel and improved underfloor ventilation details</p>	Fell	24 September	<b>No material objection</b>

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3	<a href="#">2025/1633/FPA</a>	<p><b>Kendal Parish Church, Kirkland, Kendal LA9 5AF</b></p> <p>Fabric repairs, new air source heat pump and new automated entrance doors to porch</p>	Highgate	24 September	<p><b>No material objection</b>, providing a noise report for Heat Pump is acceptable. Without an acceptable noise report the Committee would not support the application.</p> <p>Any material changes to the look of the building should be supported by public engagement. All works should be supported by the Historic Environment Officer and the Conservation Officer.</p> <p>The Committee also sought further information on the processes required for Listed Building and Scheduled Monument consent.</p>
4	<a href="#">2025/1605/FPA</a>	<p><b>Eastern side of Gooseholme Footbridge KENDAL LA9</b></p> <p>The installation of two pedestrian gates at the eastern end of Gooseholme Footbridge in conjunction with the approved Kendal Flood Risk Management Scheme</p>	Mintsfeet	17 September	<p><b>No material objection</b> but the Committee suggested that information panels on local history could also be installed, as they are proposed for Jennings Yard Bridge. They were also concerned about the practicalities of shutting and opening gates on the right of way, and sought reassurance that this would be both legally achieved and be carried out in a timely and reasonable manner when required. Failure to demonstrate this ought to compromise the integrity of the application.</p>

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5	<a href="#">2025/1612/FPA</a>	<p><b>Liberty House, Yard 5, Highgate KENDAL</b></p> <p>Replacement of 32 painted timber sash windows to the south elevation and a set of painted timber French doors to flat 204 (D5) on the east elevation</p>	Fell	17 September	<b>No material objection.</b>
6	<a href="#">2025/1465/FPA</a>	<p><b>Parr Street Evangelical Chapel, Parr Street, Kendal LA9 7DH</b></p> <p>Replacement of some windows and doors</p>	Castle	26 September	<b>No material objection.</b>